GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2352
ANSWERED ON:17.03.2005
CORRUPTION IRREGULARITIES IN RAILWAYS
Singh Shri Prabhunath

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has appointed Vigilance Officers in each Division to see mis-deeds of Railways Divisional Managers;

(b) whether it is a fact that these Vigilance Officers who are permanent employees of Railways, instead of checking the mis-deeds of Divisional Managers, they are reporting to Divisional Managers in place of reporting to CVC;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to appoint Vigilance Officers other than railway employees;

(d) the measures taken to curb corruption / irregularities in Railways; and

(e) the details of vigilance cases instituted against the officers of Northern Railways and Divisional Managers during each of the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (e) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2352 BY SHRI PRABHUNATH SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.03.2005 REGARDING CORRUPTION/IRREGULARITIES IN RAILWAYS.

(a) & (b) : No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The following steps have been taken by the Vigilance to reduce corruption on the Railways:-

Bridge the gap between demand and supply by augmentation of the capacity of trains.
Intensify checks at reservation offices, booking counters, parcel and goods booking offices and other such offices, which deal with the public not only by Vigilance Organization but also by the senior officers of the concerned departments.
Keeping a watch on the working of officials of doubtful integrity.
System improvements and procedure amendments to improve transparency and reducing possibility of corruption/leakage of revenue.
Investigation of complaints alleging corruption/leakage of revenue.
Stringent exemplary action against those found guilty of corruption.
Educating and training of senior officers in the matter of tenders and contracts.
Empowerment of Railway Protection Force for taking action against the touts and unauthorized travel agents who try to corner accommodation in trains. This being a legal matter may take some time and till then, a greater liaison with the Civil Police administration.
Implement rotational transfers of officials posted on sensitive seats to prevent the staff from developing unholy nexus.
Delegate more powers to field organizations to enable speedy decisions as delay breeds corruption.
Man the Railway Recruitment Boards by officials of proven integrity.
Seeking assistance of the public not to succumb to their desire of achieving favours by greasing palms of corrupt staff and instead bringing up such matters to the notice of Vigilance Organization.

(e) No vigilance case has been instituted against any of the Divisional Railway Managers of Northern Railway during the last three years. However, the details of the vigilance cases instituted against other officers of Northern Railway, during the same period are indicated below:

S.No.	Year	No. of Vigilance Cases instituted against the officers
1	2002	31
2	2003	24
3	2004	12